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León names McCallum as new academic VP

BY T.J. GERLACH
Managing Editor

A Connecticut university will soon be searching for a replacement for one of its administrative positions.

On Feb. 11, Dr. Richard McCallum, associate vice president for academic affairs at Central Connecticut State University, was announced as Missouri Southern's next vice president for academic affairs.

"[The decision] was quite close," said University President Julio León.

"I felt that his qualifications best matched what we (the University) need."

León, who made the decision over last weekend, contacted McCallum Feb. 9. He accepted the position within a few days. León said he made the decision after discussing the matter with the different committees that met with the finalists.

"I relied on the feedback of the search committee and all the committees and coupled that with my own interviews," León said. "I'm optimistic about Dr. McCallum's abilities."

He said he believes McCallum's background will help take Southern into the 21st century.

Dr. Richard McCallum
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Terry Levy, junior criminal justice/pre-law major, said he has been following the decision and agreed McCallum was a good choice.

"I was for him or Wilson," Levy said.

León said in general he believed all the committees he conferred with had a preference for McCallum.

McCallum said he is "absolutely delighted" about the position and is "very pleased" he was selected.

"I'm looking forward to it," McCallum said.

McCallum said he would first and foremost like to "become a contributing member of the president's team." He also wants to make sure the University develops master's programs in the near future.

McCallum, 54, received his bachelor's degree in social sciences with a certificate in teaching from Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb. He completed his master's degree and his Ph.D. at the teaching college (now the college of education) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

He is in his third year at his current position at CCSU.

The position has been vacant since Dr. Larry Martin retired in May 2003. Since then, Dr. Betsy Griffin, interim vice president for academic affairs, has filled the position.

Griffin will resume her former position of assistant vice president for academic affairs to work with McCallum.

McCallum's salary has not yet been decided.

He will begin his duties at Southern beginning July 1.

Adam Fast/The Chart

Jenna Muter, sophomore nursing major, walks a line while wearing drinking glasses. The event was held in conjunction with Healthy Relationships Week in the Billingsly Student Center.

Southern gives healthy relations

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

Relationships can be tricky, which is why Missouri Southern holds Healthy Relationships Week.

The theme for this year's activities was "Sex and The City." It was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Residence Hall Association, Student Support Center and Campus Wellness and Recreation. With events ranging from Love Bingo to "Perfect Pals" (game show based on "The Newlywed Game,") students enjoyed the events.

"I think it's pretty cool," said Courtney Tate, sophomore health promotion and wellness major. "I think it's a good idea for students to learn more about what sex can lead them to."

Tate said she isn't sure if the students will actually learn something at the events.

"I'm not sure it will really influence any major decisions anybody will make," Tate said, "but it gets people pretty involved."

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, disagrees with Tate.

"Hopefully, some of what is going on will sink in," Blackford said. "The draw is the free food

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University continues goals of original Board of Regents

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

Missouri Southern has a million reasons to smile — 3.5 million to be exact.

On Feb. 5, the Southern Foundation presented University President Julio León a symbolic check for $3.5 million.

Curt Betebenner, executive director of the Foundation, said the check represents more than a symbol.

"The check is not necessarily symbolic," Betebenner said. "In the silent phase of this campaign, so over the last few years, we have raised and have pledged $3.5 million."

The check represents how much money the Foundation has raised since the start of its capital campaign. Betebenner said he believes the Foundation should be able to reach the goal of $7.6 million by June 30, 2005.

"We took a look at the five-year plan and said we could have it all pledged by 2005," Betebenner said. "We have a year from September 2004, so I think we could do that."

To date, 283 individuals and corporations have made contributions and pledges to the campaign.

The check was presented to León and the Board of Governors.

During the presentation León said the University is continuing the dream started by the founders of MSSC, when it was changed from Joplin Junior College.

Dr. Julio León
University President

"I seem to remember there was a goal in the minds of those individuals who in the early 1950s decided there was a need for a four-year institution in this area," León said. "Because of their vision and their hard work we continue to this day to reap the benefits in terms of leadership capabilities for the whole area, people that had a vision that this institution could provide an opportunity beyond what was already available."

Betebenner said the Foundation has switched from the silent phase to the phase where it will be going publicly to businesses and asking for donations or pledges.

Students obtain opportunity to learn about financial aid

BY JESSICA MACINTOSH
Online Editor

The smell of money is in the air as the second financial aid fair rolls into Missouri Southern.

This year's financial aid fair is called "FAFSA Tuesday."

"We thought we'd make a theme just to make it fun," said Cheryl Dobson, financial aid counselor. "On Feb. 24, it's actually Fat Tuesday. The words kind of went together."

At the 2003 fair, Dobson said they were pleased with the 135 students who attended.

"We hope this year we will have more," she said.

"I hope it will be better than the one last year," said James Gilbert, director of student financial assistance.

Dobson said they (financial aid office) would like to make students have "better awareness" of financial aid.

"The reason we do it is to promote financial aid," she said.

Gilbert said the more students are aware of the information they are able to apply early.

"That's why we are trying to make it more public aware," Gilbert said. "The problem is many of them will know about it in general, but they won't do anything about it until the last minute when they absolutely have to, or they may not do it, and it removes a little bit of access away from their situation."

This year the fair has expanded in which financial aid workshops will be held.

"When I first started here, we did some financial aid workshops for our students," she said.

"They were very low attended, so we did not continue."

The different workshops that will be held are Financial Overview, which will cover the basics of financial aid; I Wish I Had Known, which will cover the problems of financial aid; Loan Repayment and Consolidation; and Filling Out The FAFSA.

"We'll walk you through it," Dobson said.

Another part of the fair is the booths.

"Some of the lenders will talk about alternative loans for students that may not be eligible for federal aid or maybe need extra money in addition to the federal aid," Dobson said.

There will be giveaways including 10 $100 scholarships.

"There are restrictions though," she said.

High school students and students not currently enrolled at Southern cannot apply for the scholarships.

Booths and filling out the FAFSA form will be held 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 24 on the second-floor lounge in the Billingsly Student Center, and workshops will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the third floor in BSC.

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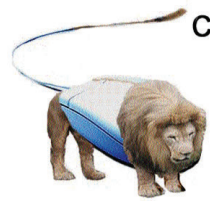

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This week's online poll:
Do you think students should have participated more in the selection process of the new VP?

Senate funds groups' trips

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Parliamentary procedures were put under the spotlight during the Feb. 11 Student Senate meeting.

Several senators brought up questions about how motions are carried out and what circumstances can be used to suspend rules.

The rules were suspended during the meeting in order to vote on three organizations requesting funds. The organizations were to be given a first reading during the Feb. 8 meeting, however a formal meeting could not be held. Therefore, according to the procedure, the organizations could not be voted on. The senators voted to suspend the rules and allow Senate to vote on the allocations.

Sigma Tau Delta and the National Broadcasting Society came to the Feb. 4 informal meeting and did not have to send a speaker again, but one representative of STD was present to answer any questions.

Both organizations were each given their requested $1,000.

The three organizations, which Senate suspended the rules for, were Omicron Delta Kappa, Model United Nations, and the Collegiate Music Educators National Convention.

ODK received $999.26 for a student leadership conference in Northfolk, Va.

Model United Nations received $1,000 for a convention

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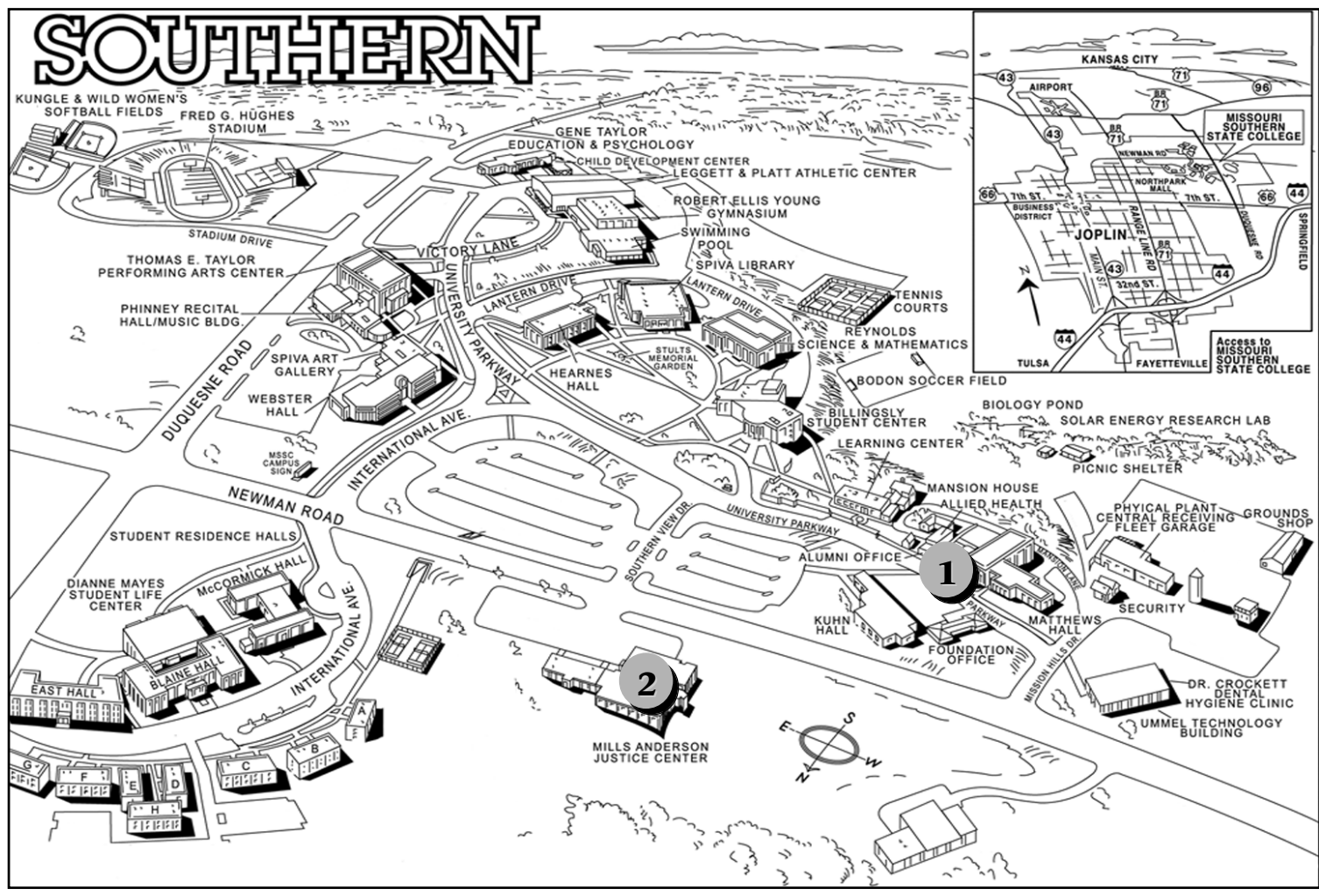

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Sodexho van barely misses student in crosswalk

1 Information

2/4/2004

4 p.m.

Security was notified by a student who stated he was almost hit by a vehicle while crossing the pedestrian crosswalk on University Parkway.

The student noted the van was a Sodexho van and described the driver to security. Security contacted Sodexho about the incident. Sodexho advised it would take care of the matter.

2 Information

2/8/2004

11:30 a.m.

Security was notified by a secretary in the Anderson Justice Center in reference to a window that was shattered.

Security checked the window, and it appeared it was broken due to the weather and since the window was still intact security did not notify anyone off campus.

Security briefs are compiled from Campus Safety and Security reports.

Campus Calendar

Theatre department adapts classic tale for children's show

Southern Theatre will present the classic fairy tale *Hansel and Gretel* at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 21-22 in Taylor Auditorium. Lyndall Burrow, theatre instructor, will direct the play.

This version of the Brothers Grimm story, written by Michele L. Vacca, maintains the original story, but presents the story with humor.

No free passes can be accepted for children's theatre shows. Admission cost for children's plays is $1 for adults and 50 cents for children 12 and under.

Reservations can be made starting Monday by calling the Theatre Box Office at 625-3190.

Finance Club sells Krispy Kreme doughnuts to raise trip funds

The Finance Club is taking pre-orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts which will be delivered Wednesday. The club is taking orders until Friday.

The cost of the doughnuts will be $5 per dozen if they are pre-paid by Friday. If the orders are not pre-paid, then the cost will be $6 per dozen. The doughnuts will be available for pick up on Wednesday and Thursday in Matthews Hall, Room 309. The club cannot guarantee freshness on the second day.

All proceeds will go to the Finance Club's annual trip to the FMA Leadership Conference in Chicago in March. Anyone interested in ordering the doughnuts can contact Andrew Jinks, Finance Club treasurer, at jinks-a-554@mssu.edu. Leave a name, a phone number, how many dozen and what day they will be picked up. People ordering need to let Jinks know when they will be at the University to set up a payment time.

'Newsmakers' focuses on three issues facing Joplin residents

An upcoming edition of "Newsmakers" will focus on three issues facing Joplin and its residents.

These include: the change to a franchise trash disposal service, new storm water regulations and a change in supporting the wastewater treatment systems through changes in billing for residents.

Judy Stiles, host of "Newsmakers," will interview Mary Anne Phillips, Joplin recycling coordinator and David Hertzberg, Joplin Public Works. The program will air on two television stations in the coming weeks. It will be shown at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 on KOZJ and at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 25 on KGCS.

Another airing of "Newsmakers" will focus on baseball caravan tours made by the St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Royals to Southwest Missouri in January. The show will air at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday on KGCS.

Langston Hughes celebration showcases guest speaker, music

The 12th annual Langston Hughes Celebration will take place at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Akiba Sullivan Harper, author of *Not So Simple: The "Simple" Stories of Langston Hughes* is the featured speaker. Harper is the dean of undergraduate studies at Spelman College. Her topic is "Langston Hughes and Home."

The event will also feature the performance of Hughes's poetry and musical selections that tie in with the speaker's topic. The event is free to the public.

International film festival offers samurai western as next movie

The Missouri Southern International Film Festival will show *Yojimbo (The Bodyguard)* Feb. 24.

The movie, directed by Akira Kurosawa, is a tongue-in-cheek samurai western that satirizes greed linking it with stupidity, pomposity and cowardice. A samurai, played by Toshiro Mifune, turns the plotting and activity of warring factions to his own advantage with no effort on his part.

The movie starts at 7:30 p.m. in Matthews Hall Auditorium. Single admission is $2 for adults and $1.50 for senior citizens and students. Tickets may be obtained from Southern's ticket office in Billingsly Student Center, Room 112 or by calling 625-9366. For information about the festival, call 625-9614.

Campus Update gives students glimpse of University events

The February edition of "KGCS Campus Update" will feature reports about happenings on campus.

The show will introduce students to the new football coach, John Ware; an update on the academic vice president search; the presentations on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and a look at the annual Phonathon.

The program may be seen next week at 9 p.m. Tuesday and 6 p.m. Wednesday.

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Class teaches students self-defense skills

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

Students in the self-defense class at Missouri Southern are learning to spot problems and "nip it in the bud."

"In addition to learning fighting skills or protection skills, students also learn medical, legal and tactical considerations to avoid problems," said John Karriman, tactical specialist for the State of Missouri and adjunct instructor in Southern's Police Academy.

The class will earn students credit toward their physical activity requirement.

Karriman said the University has tried to hold the class during the spring semester for the past 20 years.

"We get quite a few requests (for the class) through the course of the year," Karriman said. "When we go ahead and put it on, we only get a smattering of students who sign up. We're working on adding to our numbers."

Karriman said students can still enroll in the class for two more weeks.

He said the class started out with eight students but dropped down to four due to scheduling conflicts. In the past, the class has had 30 students in it.

Karriman said the reason for the fluctuation in the numbers is because interest in the class falls off from time to time.

The class teaches selections of techniques and principles from Kokoro Ryu Aikijutsu, which is a modern adaptation of the Takeda clan's Daito Ryu Aikijujutsu. Karriman said the students learn more than just fighting skills in the class.

Karriman said the class is not taught completely in the multi-purpose area in the Anderson Justice Center. The class starts in a classroom where the students are taught the different practical implications of protecting one's self or another individual.

"We talk about a number of awareness and assertiveness issues that keep a person safe," Karriman said. "If I were to teach them fighting skills alone and turn them loose into the world, it would be like handing a child a gun. That's ridiculous. We have to premise everything and keep it in the proper context."

Some students in the class think it will help them when they get out of college and while they are still in college.

"It could help me out with my major," said Raven Bartell, senior criminal justice major. "With me being a small girl and all, it helps me out."

Matt Brown, freshman criminal justice major, said he does not know if the class would benefit all students, but he knows it will benefit him.

Adam Fast/The Chart

Raven Bartell, senior criminal justice major, practices a move on Aaron Marrufo, senior criminal justice major.

Bartell disagrees with Brown.

"I think it would be a good class for anybody to take," Bartell said. "It doesn't matter how old you are, male or female, or age or anything. It's just a really good class."

Students wishing to enroll in the class may call continuing education at 625-9577. There is an additional fee of $248 for the class. The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Fourth, last VP finalist makes visit

BY T.J. GERLACH
Managing Editor

All four finalists in the search for Missouri Southern's next vice president for academic affairs had their day on campus.

Feb. 5 Dr. David Wilson, vice president for academic affairs and dean of college at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., met with groups representing all areas of the University.

"[Southern] is a very wonderful institution," Wilson said.

He said he believes Southern has a "dynamic mission," and he liked all those he met.

"Everyone is student-centered," he said. "Students are why we do what we do."

Dr. David Wilson
VP Candidate

Wilson applied for the position because he was attracted by "the appeal" of Southern, which he believes is a "wonderful" University, and he believes the position would be a great opportunity and a new challenge for him.

"I do know something about the University (Southern)," he said.

Originally from Kansas, Wilson said he knows Missouri and knows about Southern's international mission.

"That (the mission) is a very, very appealing aspect of the University," he said.

Wilson has been at CSC for 16 years and has held his current position for almost three years. He attended graduate school at Iowa State University, where he studied psychology.

Terry Levy, junior criminal justice/pre-law major, was one of eight students to attend Wilson's student forum.

"I liked [Wilson]," Levy said. "He was my top choice."

Levy said he believed Wilson was student-orientated and followed Southern's international mission. He said he thought Wilson did his research on the University, and Wilson did not have personal reasons to apply for the position as the other candidates had.

Levy said he believes Wilson would like to come to Southern "for the betterment of the [University]."

Levy, who attended all four finalists' student forums, said Wilson and Dr. Richard McCallum, associate vice president for academic affairs at Central Connecticut State University in New Britton, Conn., were his top two choices.

Feb. 6, University President Julio León met with the various groups who interviewed each of the candidates. León, who made the final decision, received feedback from the groups about the candidates.

On Feb. 11, León announced McCallum as Southern's next vice president for academic affairs.

New meal plans offer more options for students

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Amanda Highfill, freshman criminal justice major, uses the meal exchange to have her lunch in the Lion's Den. The meal exchange will stop when the new meal plans begin in the fall of 2004.

BY T.J. GERLACH
Managing Editor

Residence hall students will have new options for dining on campus starting in the fall 2004.

The current two-meal plans will be changed and a third option will be made available.

The current options are 10 and 20 meal-a-week plans, and students are allowed to exchange meals in the Lion's Den.

The new plans include a 10-meal plan, a 15-meal plan and a 23-meal plan. Included with the 10-meal plan is $200 worth of Lionbucks, which can be spent in the Lion's Den and the University Java Coffee Shop. The 15-meal plan includes $125 in Lionbucks as well. All students, including commuters, will be able to purchase Lionbucks.

"That's the way the meal plans were changed in the contract when the [University] put up the bid," said Ron Cooksey, food service manager.

Cooksey said the changes were negotiated when the contract was made; the plan is not a Sodexho Campus Services plan.

"Students wanted more choices," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students. "So that's what we gave them. We're doing it to get more people living on campus."

Carnahan said there is no increase in any fees because of the new plans.

When the new plan is implemented, on-campus students will no longer be able to exchange meals in the Lion's Den. Also, the dining hall will serve a dinner on Sunday evening, which it has not served in the past.

Mondays through Thursdays the dining hall will offer a "late-evening meal" from 9-10 p.m.

"We think that will be a plus for people that can't make dinner," Carnahan said.

D.J. Brue, sophomore undecided major, likes the idea of the late-evening snack.

"If they had a meal at night, I could eat after a night class instead of having to rush," he said.

Brue said he did not like losing the meal exchange in the Lion's Den.

Seth Austin, senior CIS major, agreed.

"I like eating over there more since the food's better," he said. "I don't think they should worry about [the meal plans]; I think they should improve the food first."

Carnahan said many universities have meal plans similar to Missouri Southern's new plans. He said the University is "just trying to give the students more choices, which is what they want."

Cooksey believes students will enjoy the new meal plans better.

Meningitis cases cause concern for university officials

BY MONIQUE JAMERSON
Staff Writer

Two Pittsburg State University students have been diagnosed with meningitis causing the University to increase awareness about the deadly disease.

Although no Missouri Southern students have been diagnosed with the disease, University health officials are still concerned.

Missouri Southern has recently become acquainted with the meningitis vaccination and has given about 70 vaccinations shots for the 2003-2004 school year.

Meningitis affects the brain and spinal cord.

It also comes in a form that can cause permanent brain damage, hearing loss, learning disability and problems with other major organs.

Jan Dipley
Health Services Coordinator

Jan Dipley, health services coordinator, said the shots are painless and have little to no side effects like other shots. The cost of the shot is $60 and is administered in Kuhn Hall.

"I highly recommend that students receive the vaccination to prevent the disease," Dipley said.

The shots are offered at Fresh Start/Freshman Orientation for the incoming students, she said.

"I speak with the new students' parents about the importance of the vaccination and how important it is that their child has the shot administered," she said.

PSU has had two students diagnosed with meningitis, and they were also treated. The vaccination is available at PSU, and 300 students took part in the vaccination.

Rita Girth, assistant director of student health services, said the Kansas Department of Health and Environment contacted and notified her of the two students that had been diagnosed with the disease. The students were diagnosed and treated in their hometowns.

"Students that are aware of the diagnosed students have stayed very calm," Girth said. "They (students) have been bombarded with the information."

As part of the promotion for meningitis education and vaccination, 120 shots have been given at PSU on top of the 300 shots.

Girth said she has also contacted the students that reside in the same hall as the diagnosed students, and antibiotics have been called in for them.

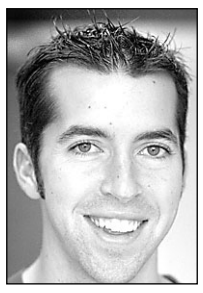
Girth said meningitis is a devastating disease when it occurs.

"One minute you can be healthy and then 24 hours later you may become very ill," she said.

Dipley and Girth say it is crucial the shot is administered to all students.

Editor's Column

Saving cash starts in the mailroom



Andy Tevis
Director of Photography

Like most people living here on campus, I'm always happy to get a letter in the mail.

It's a feeling of excitement that developed during my childhood that will probably never go away. When I peek through the little window of my four by six inch gold colored mail box and see the vague shape of an envelope quietly sitting and waiting, all sorts of exciting images conjure up in my head; thoughts of letters from home, postcards from friends or possibly that long awaited paycheck. Come on paycheck! No, just another letter from the University's business office. Crap.

The question I've had for quite sometime is this: Why does Missouri Southern send mail to me through the U.S. postal service? I live on campus.

Remember 400 students, including myself, currently live here on campus.

I get an average of five letters each semester from various departments on campus; five is on the low side. Most of the letters I receive are sent from the University's financial aid office or business office and postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service for 37 cents each. Maybe 37 cents is a small amount of change for a University that charges me $6,079 each semester (out-of-state tuition and living on campus) but 37 cents multiplied by the number of students on campus and the average amount of letters sent is $740. That's $1,480 a year.

Maybe $1,480 is not much, but if the University wants to save money so they can build more flag poles around the football field then this could be a place to start.

Wouldn't it be faster and more economical to hand deliver the letters mailed from various campus locations to the residence hall mailboxes?

It's just a thought. It would also make the deliveries faster. Sending them through the Joplin Post Office takes additional time.

Maybe there's a conspiracy going on within the college mailroom and the U.S. Postal Service. Have I stumbled onto something big? Is the U.S. Postal Service trying to keep its monopoly over delivery services, including cross-campus delivery? I called the mailroom to get an answer.

The campus mailroom tells me that the various campus departments are supposed to separate mail before it's sent to the mailroom. There goes my conspiracy theory.

Come on people. By not sorting outgoing mail you're driving the people in the mailroom crazy and costing the school $1,480.

Maybe I should have written about the crappy University radio station or the horrible food at the residence hall cafeteria. Oh well.

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Students miss opportunity

Chart Opinion

Who runs the second most important position for Missouri Southern? How many students know that answer?

For those who don't know it's the vice president for academic affairs. This person oversees all academic departments, deans and makes the tough decisions come crunch time.

During the past couple of weeks, the University has issued four interview meetings with the final candidates. The administration thought it would be a good idea for these candidates to participate in a student forum. These open forums were an opportunity for students to ask questions and get a feel for the hopeful candidate.

When just a few students show up to these forums, the response sends an indirect message to the University. It means two things: students don't care or they didn't know about it.

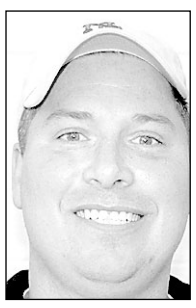
These forums should have been held in Webster Hall Auditorium during mid-morning hours so instructors could take their classes. For those who missed the forums, they were held on a Tuesday or Thursday at 2 p.m., a time when most students have left for the day.

Students should have been there. It's just too important of a position for students to not care about. If they want their voice and opinion to be heard on the issues that matter, then they should have been present.

The few students who did attend deserve to be commended. It's good to know five or six students care about the academic leaders of this University.

Campus Voice BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

Should students be involved with the vice president search?



"Yes the students who want to be involved in the process should be involved."

Damon Bowman
Sophomore
CIS
Major

"They should be involved because they have a voice, and it needs to be heard."

Theresa Connor
Freshman
Nursing
Major

"It's our education, why should we not have a say in who is running it?"

Jennifer Felkner
Freshman
Secondary Education
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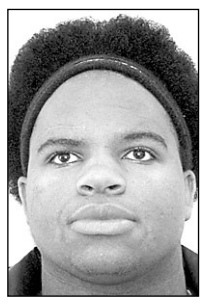
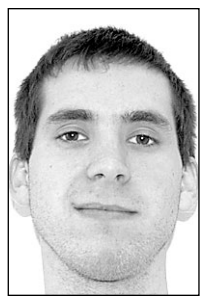


"Outraged students pay their hard-earned money to attend MSSU, and their opinions should count."

Darrian Hawkins
Freshman
Undecided
Major



"I think it's absolutely riduclious, and if we don't have a say it's more of a dictatorship then a democracy, and we pay, therefore we should have an opinion."

Douglas Harder
Freshman
Theatre
Major

Letters

Sex requires two people, men should have equal say

It seems odd to me that a pro-choice supporter would cite that "I am a woman, an American, a human being" as just cause for abortions. Two-thirds of that assertion is not pre-qualifiers for accepting abortion. The problem is three-fold: one, the fact that coition takes two, not one, and that means cooperation. As adults we know that the ability to have children is dependent upon one thing and one thing alone — someone to have sex with. Two, since pregnancy requires two, both parents have a say in the future of the child. Three, the fact that you "aren't ready to be a mommy" or "not ready at this time in my life/career" means nothing, maybe you shouldn't have been so eager to have sex. Sex is an option, a child shouldn't be.

As a member of the male species (that's right, species), I recognize the importance of human life. Why should a woman have "the right" to kill a creation of life that is just as much mine as it is hers? If I were to impregnate a woman, can I alone just tell her no on child support? No. So then why should she alone be able to kill my son or daughter? Since when did the feminists of America start thinking they were able to break the equality barrier whenever they wanted? I personally would fight to the death to save my child from the "choice" of her self-centered mother who would rather rip her from the womb because she "just wasn't ready."

Pro-choice is not about rights or ability, it's about irresponsibility and destroying lives. Sex is a choice, a baby is not, and maybe you should think about that the next time you hit the sack. The men in this world need to step up.

Charlie Brim
Freshman Political Science and Sociology Major

In Perspective

Reynolds Hall shouldn't frighten students

Dr.Vickie Roettger
Assistant Professor of Biology

Reynolds Hall Science and Mathematics Building — the name sends shivers up the spine as images of bubbling cauldrons and math problems run amuck flicker across the mind. Pursue the following top 10 reasons not to be afraid of Reynolds Hall.

Then do as Gandalf instructed the fellowship in J.R.R. Tolkein's *Lord of the Rings*, speak "friend" and enter.

10. The building is centrally located between the library's coffee shop, Billingsly Student Center and parking; especially important during our changeable Missouri weather.

9. The building windows look out upon scenic views of the Biology pond, soccer field and Canada geese, providing relaxation for the stressed-out mind.

8. The building contains a student lounge replete with comfortable furniture, entertainment choice and a microwave oven, all provided without the use of college funds. The lounge provides a quiet place for that all-important morning or afternoon study time (i.e. naps).

7. The building provides the opportunity to overhear fascinating hallway conversations or classroom lectures while you stroll the halls. These may include, but are not limited to, topics such as wading in Turkey Creek in below freezing temperatures, my bacteria are bigger than yours and does this gas mask make me look fat?

6. The building supplies a range of engaging olfactory stimulants wafting through the building. Professors can use this learning resource, at no extra charge, by having students identify the source and chemicals involved.

5. The building features captivating office door art featuring "Far Side" and other cartoons, many directly related to topics being taught. An added bonus is the message boards found on some office doors with messages ranging from "what does biology have to do with making beer?" to "your candy jar is empty." This leads to a second bonus; many of the professors have candy jars for the students.

4. The building exhibits "Plant of the Day" displays introducing students to our local green, leafy friends.

3. The building includes friendly staff and faculty (did I mention the candy jars?).

2. The building features attention

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Instructors gain assessment tool

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Studying is not limited to students.

From Feb. 4-7, foreign language instructors took an intensive training course in language assessment.

The course started at 8:30 a.m. and lasted until 5 p.m. each day.

Dr. Tatiana Karmanova, associate professor of Spanish and Russian, organized the sessions.

"We learned a standardized way to judge oral proficiency," Karmanova said.

She said the event had been in the planning for four months because the University hired an outside expert in the process. The trainer was Dr. Robert Vicars, a professional training-session conductor with the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

Dr. Tatiana Karmanova
Associate Professor of Spanish and Russian

ACTFL developed the technique of interviewing students as a means of assessing foreign language skills.

"It helps us know where our students stand," Karmanova said.

She said the interviewing techniques will be used during senior assessment day as part of foreign language majors' language skills competency tests.

All foreign language instructors were required to attend. The training allows each instructor the possibility of getting certified in the interviewing technique. With the certification, instructors can see how students do compared to a national level of language ability.

"This assessment you can use globally," Karmanova said. "It tests how well (a student) can function in the language."

She said she is going for her own certification to be better prepared in her classroom.

"We are going to adopt similar techniques in our own classroom setting," she said.

Other instructors agree.

Eugene Chang, assistant professor of French and German, said the technique is a better tool for use as a proficient oral assessment.

"People assume it will be subjective, but it is very objective," Chang said.

Chang said the technique gave him more objective means of assessing a student's conversation than he thought the training would.

"It is fairly specific in what it is looking for," he said.

Dr. Cristóbal Sartori, associate professor of Spanish, agrees with Chang.

Sartori said the technique is looking for four main areas: knowing words in the language, coming up with simple sentences and questions, using simple conversations and making hypothesises.

"It's a uniform way of testing," said Dr. Maria Mejia, assistant professor of Spanish.

Mejia said the workshop allowed instructors a background knowledge in a technique that takes nine months to attain certification.

"The amount of information we received was considerable," she said.

Sartori said the technique allows instructors a way to begin a structured dialog with students as a means to see how well a student can process the language.

"It has made me aware of a deficiency," Sartori said.

The workshop required instructors to interview international "test" students from around the area as a means to understand how the technique works.

Instructors took turns practicing the interviews in front of the other instructors. They took notes on how the interviews went. After the workshop, all instructors received a paper stating they had completed the first step of the certification training.

"It is only the beginning of the process," Mejia said. "It would be very nice if we could all do it."

RUSSIA MEETING

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Dr. Ree Wells, left, associate professor of sociology, and Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English, share information about possibilities for events for the Russia Semester. Possible events discussed during the Feb. 11 Russia Semester planning committee's meeting included Russian ballets, mathematicians with the Russian Cosmonaut program, poets, gypsy folk singers and bluegrass musicians.

Grants start students packing up

BY DEBBY WOODWORTH
Staff Writer

An eight-member committee has reviewed applications for international grants for the current year.

Fourteen trips abroad have been approved for the 2003-2004 school year.

The International Committee consists of the four school deans and four faculty members. After careful review of each application, they assign scores to the requesting groups. The highest scoring groups are the ones chosen for funding.

All students taking the trips will earn academic credit.

The grants will cover 50 percent of the cost of the trips.

"We would like to fund them all, but there's only a certain amount of money to go around," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

The $210,000 in grants to student groups and $60,000 in grants to faculty will help fund the study abroad program. The following list of 12 trips represent ones that have been approved at this point:

Dr. Christie Cathey, professor of psychology, will be taking a group to France in June as part of a research project her class is doing.

Dr. Mary Ann Weber, professor of French, is also taking a group to France to the University of Orléans in July.

Stebbins is teaching an International Media Seminar class and will be taking those students, during spring break to Paris.

J. Chris Moos, international business and management instructor, is leading a group from the school of business to three countries in Europe including Hungary, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic.

Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history, is teaching a class called The History and Splendors of Paris, Part 2 and will be going to Paris during spring break.

Dewane Hughes, assistant professor of art, will lead the Summer in Sweden program.

"The way the forms are structured it is pretty simple," Hughes said.

He also said other grants have much longer forms. Hughes said he is especially looking forward to visiting the Tate Modern, a museum of contemporary art in London.

The group will stop there on its way to Sweden.

Sheila Hart, instructor of nursing, will be taking a group of nursing students to London during spring break.

Dr. Gerald Schlink, professor of biology, and Dr. Roger D. Chelf, professor of physical science, will take groups to Europe.

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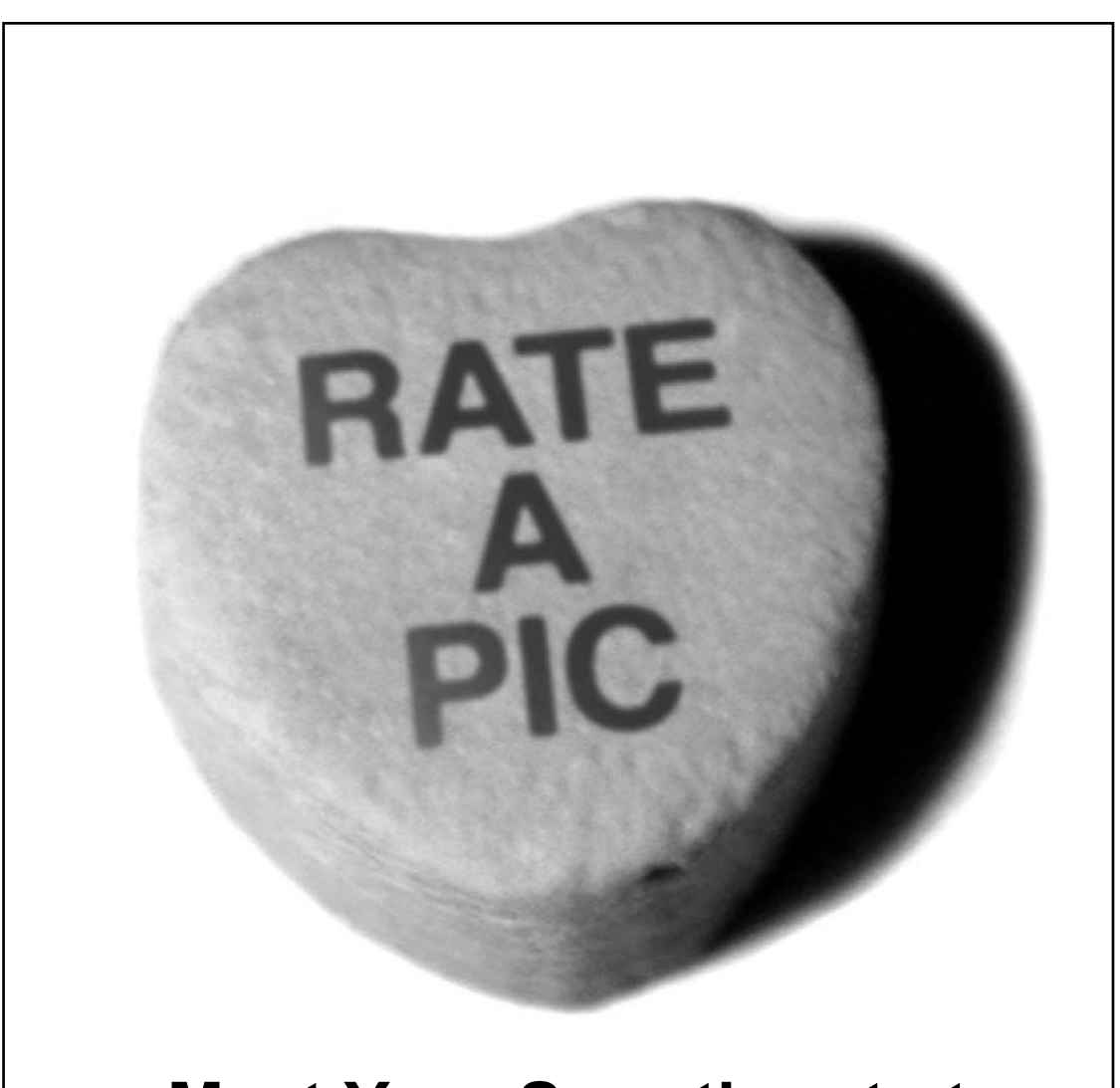

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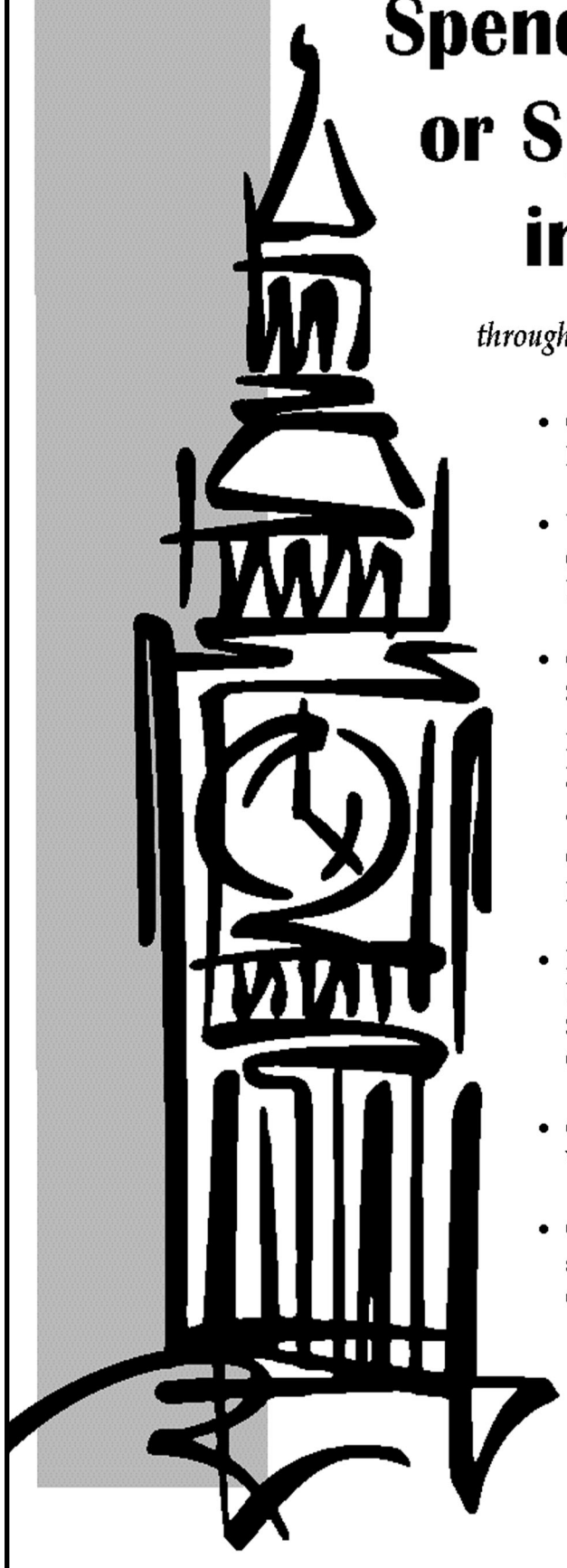

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Diversions

Holly Fleming, owner of Daydreams and Night Things, gift wraps lingerie for a customer. The outfit was intended for a Mardi Gras party later in the week. Upon request, Fleming assists customers with selecting and fitting the appropriate item for any occasion.

Melissa Dunson/The Chart

Steamy area products set the mood for love

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

Joplin has got that lovin' feeling.

As Valentine's Day approaches, thoughts turn to love and romance, but some Joplin businesses devote themselves to romance every day of the year.

Locals hardly need directions to one of the area's oldest romance stores, Romantic Delights on Seventh and Forest streets. It can be found by the large red lips and pierced tongue that make up the store's sign. Romantic Delights is one of the racier romance stores featuring a large selection of adult novelties.

"We try to get new stuff in here every week, especially the adult novelties," said Debbie Willis, sales associate. "We ask the girls that come through here what they would like to see us get in the store."

The store is a shopping hot-spot for bachelor and bachelorette parties because of the gag gift section, including such items as banana flavored "dick tarts," anatomically-correct cake pans and inflatable dolls.

The store also features lingerie, clubwear, shoes and naughty greeting cards. During Valentine's Day weekend, Romantic Delights is offering 10 percent off all purchases.

Just east of Romantic Delights on Seventh Street is a newer and less known romance store that will celebrate its one-year anniversary in June. Behind Closed Doors also carries lingerie, clubwear, swimwear and adult novelties. But, Janine Rhodes, owner, adds an additional focus to her store with extra-stimulus and massage solutions.

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Daydreams and Night Things carries flavored and self-heating lotions, oils and creams designed to promote intimacy.

"I'm trying to get back into sensual massage and stuff like that," Rhodes said.

Unlike some of the boutiques, Rhodes has also invested in a larger selection of plus-size lingerie, including sexy nurse and French maid costumes.

During Valentine's week, Rhodes will be reducing prices throughout the store to draw customers in for what is potentially her busiest season.

Day Dreams and Night Things, located on Main and Seventh streets, is the largest romance store in Joplin and provides a more classy take on what could be a risqué business. The store offers the most diverse selection of products and services in the area. Besides the sexy but tasteful lingerie, Daydreams specializes in clubwear for men and women, including accessories like shoes, purses, belts, jewelry and stockings. Racks of lingerie are sorted by occasion: costume parties, weddings, Valentine's Day and Christmas.

The boutique goes beyond the usual scope of services and offers a tanning salon and a boudoir photography studio.

"We've been busier than heck with it (photography)," said Holly Fleming, owner. "It's a great idea. We do calendars for Christmas and Valentine's Day. You can wear lingerie or clubwear. It's your choice."

Fleming said the photographs are sexy but tasteful and make wonderful gifts.

All Valentine's merchandise will be marked down this week.

One of the largest romance store in the area is Victoria's Secret located in Northpark Mall. The store is separated into sections for lingerie and beauty products. During February, the store comes alive with a proliferation of red and pink underwear and lingerie.

"We've got the hot colors, a lot of nighties that are the hot thing right now," said Tracie Robinson, sales associate. "We've got the really hot, sexy lingerie, and we have the more tasteful, reserved lingerie that's not too risqué."

Crystal Cooke, Southern graduate and store director, said popular items this year are the men's and women's "Very Sexy" boxed fragrance sets featuring items like CD cases and keychains for the men and necklaces, massage oils, lip pallets and drawer sachets for the women.

"They are already wrapped, so they're super easy," Cooke said.

All Southern students will receive $10 off any $35 beauty purchase for their significant others, and $15 off any $50 purchase during the valentine season.

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Romantic Delights offers a wide selection of lingerie styles, from gothic to western and ranging from modest to "barely there." The store features "tan through, not see through" styles too.

Group proposes skating party, paintball as possible events

By David Haut
Public Forum Editor

The Campus Activities Board convened Wednesday to discuss future events for the semester.

Fourteen students were in attendance, up from eight on Feb. 4.

The top idea of the meeting was a skate night. CAB discussed possible locations and a theme. No definite location or date has yet been decided.

CAB decided to plan a theme around the various decades of music. Music will start with '70s and progress each hour to new music. CAB hopes to hold the skate night on a Wednesday night this semester but will make a final decision farther into the semester.

Other ideas included a midnight basketball event, which would take place on Friday nights at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The proposed event would last until approximately 1 a.m. on Saturday. Further details for the event will be discussed at a later meeting.

Paintball was also mentioned, but no major details were discussed.

"It's something we'll look into for sure," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "We have to look at the calendar and see where the gaps are."

"Last year was a pre-stage, we were getting our feet wet," said Terry Levy, criminal justice/pre-law major. "This year we're actually making stuff happen."

CAB also discussed having a comedian perform on March 8, the first day of Spring Break Blitz.

Possible comedic candidates are Jason Anders, T.P. Hearns and Tom Simmonds.

On March 9, spike-night activities will have an open gym and pool.

Other ideas include karaoke, sumo-suit wrestling and ultimate imaging.

Judges have been named for the talent show on March 10. Judges will be Lee Pound, Deb Gipson and Mark Lloyd.

Possible themes for next semester's Homecoming were discussed. The four current ideas were Southern Safari, Luau, Southern Mardi Gras or Pirates of the Caribbean.

Blackford was pleased to see so many in attendance and hopes to see a larger group next week.

Students interested in CAB are invited to attend the weekly meetings at 2 p.m., Wednesdays in the student activities office on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

Members of the Missouri Southern Chamber Choir prepare to deliver singing valentines to the community. For information, read the story.

Funny Thing About Life...

DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, I'm going to do the campus community a service. Guys, I'm going to tell you everything I know about women (which isn't much). And women, I'm going to tell you everything I know about men, (which isn't much either).

I have so many questions about the fairer sex. Why are they so confusing? How can they go shoe shopping for eight straight hours without eating, not buy a thing and have fun? Guys go that long without eating and have fun too; it's called sleep.

No man would ever dream of going shopping without money. Women, on the other hand, could do it every day of the week. I don't know how or why. They love to just try stuff on. Why do they take pleasure in wearing something for a few seconds? Maybe it's like going to the Eiffel Tower or the Empire State Building. Women can look at an outfit and go, "Yep, I wore that."

Women send signals. I don't know what any of these signals mean, however. You see, every woman is like a different country with a different language and dialect. It's up to the guy to figure out exactly what they're saying. Women never think guys listen, but what we're really doing is trying to figure out what it is you're saying when you're not saying anything, while you're saying something we don't hear. See what I'm saying?

As a guy, I don't understand many things about women.

There are guys at NASA right now, trying to figure out the largest mystery in the universe — women. We put a man on the moon in '69, we could be living on Mars by now, but all the scientists are focused on women. Yes, women do work for NASA, and their job is to keep the secrecy of womanhood sacred and never let men find out what they're really thinking.

Why is it OK for women to spend so much money on shoes? I just want to know. A husband would get in trouble for buying a $300 stereo he would use every day, but it is all right for his wife to buy a pair of shoes she will wear for only a few hours?

One thing I don't understand about vacuum cleaners (as long as I'm thinking about it) is the light on the front of them. Really, who's vacuuming in the dark? That kind of defeats the purpose, doesn't it? I was told the lights were to detect glass in the carpet. OK, why do you want to see it before you suck it up? If your carpet can break glass, I don't think vacuuming will do you any good.

OK, ladies, I know you wanted something, too. This is what I can tell you about guys. Contrary to popular belief, we like it when you tell us when you're attracted to us. We already pay for everything, make the reservations, rent the movies, drive everywhere, frequently remind you your butt isn't too big, and we still have to go through the humiliating process of asking you out.

There you go. Happy Valentine's Day.

David Haut, Public Forum Editor, writes a weekly humor column for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff members.*

Special to The Chart

The five members of Incubus relax in lawn chairs. The band released a new album Feb 3.

Incubus' new album shocks fans with mainstream sound

Review Corner

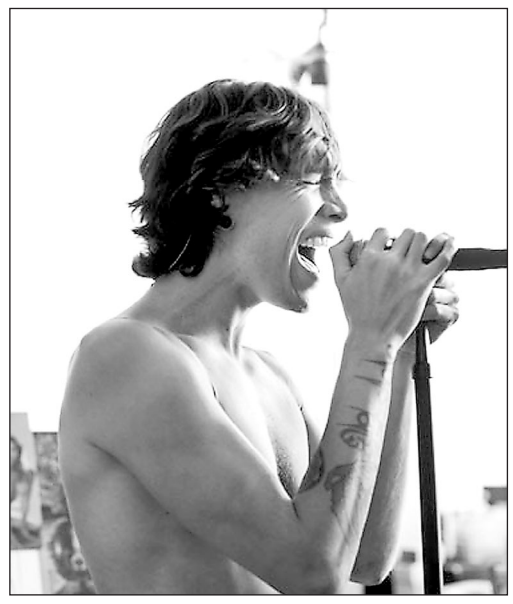
MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

There is nothing memorable about playing it safe.

Over the years, the popular rock band Incubus has taken us on a strange, emotional trip through its last three albums, gathering fans along the way. But in its latest offering, *A Crow Left of the Murder*, the band takes a detour I fear many fans will be unable or unwilling to follow.

There is nothing inherently wrong with the new album, but conversely there is nothing very right about it either. The album lacks the dynamic depth of emotion that fans have grown to love and expect from the band.

Incubus has consistently matured and changed its style in every album, and this is no exception. *A Crow Left of the Murder* moves away from the transcendent mystical eastern sound of the last album, *Morning View*, and continues the mellowing trend heading toward more of a traditional rock 'n' roll sound. The familiar and strange sounds of electronic distortion are minimized, but still present, and although the experimental guitars still have a place, the choruses come sooner and more often and seem dissapointingly predictable and cliché.



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Brandon Boyd, lead singer of Incubus, delivers passionate, emotional lyrics.

The album more purely focuses on Brandon Boyd's vocals and shows his more mature style, but doing away with some of his various vocal ticks, seems to rob the songs of a portion of their gritty emotion and spontaneity. Boyd offers the listener no glimpse into his heart and no incentive to love the album. The result is a cleaner recording that seems more predictable than it should.

Having said all that, I don't hate the new album. It is certainly disappointing if compared with the band's previous works, but on the rock 'n' roll music spectrum, it fairs pretty well. The songs are catchy and well structured with interesting, if too regularly placed, guitar riffs. Stylistically, *A Crow Left of the Murder* is more definable and comparable with other alternative bands, but it is important to remember that this traditional rock sound is a totally new musical direction for the band. The sound is more mainstream and radio-friendly and should get tons of air-play, but is that really what true fans wanted or expected from this band?

Overall, the album is enjoyable and, like wine, improves with repeated sampling. It certainly deserves more than one listen, but don't expect to have a jewel to be dropped into your lap; you'll have to dig for this one.

Choir sings sweet nothings for program funds

BY DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

Love and music will be in the air this Valentine's Day.

The Missouri Southern Chamber Choir has a unique idea for Valentine's Day — singing valentines. For $25, a barbershop quartet consisting of four guys or four girls is surprising sweethearts all over town with songs of love.

"We tried this a couple of years ago, and it seemed very successful," said Bud Clark, director of choral studies. "We were trying to think of ways to get some public relations for the University and also utilize our talents. We thought this was an ideal way to make money."

Members of the choir have volunteered their time between classes on Friday and on Saturday to travel into the community and sing to a sweetheart.

Girls will wear performance dresses and guys will wear traditional tuxedos. The quartets will sing two songs, one of them personalized to the recipient.

"This is our thing; we love to perform," said Jennica Sorensen, junior vocal music performance major. "We're really looking forward to it. It's fun to embarrass people."

As of Monday, Clark still had requests coming in. A schedule won't be set until late in the week, making the two days interesting for the performers as well.

"From what I hear, it's like a mad dash all over town," Sorensen said. "It should be a lot of fun."

Students aren't the only ones sending surprises. Members of Southern's faculty are getting in on the fun. Clark said students and faculty are sending singing valentines to loved ones at work and even in class.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Members of the Chamber Choir rehearse for their task of spreading love around the campus and community with singing valentines. All proceeds from the event benefit the choir.

Clark said he has had requests from spouses of faculty members to receive a singing valentine during one of their classes.

The chamber choir plans to use the money raised to replace funds cut previously in the budget. It will perform a singing tour the surrounding area and recruit for upcoming semesters as well.

Clark hopes to have 30-40 singing valentines purchased in the two days.

Clark plans on making the singing Valentines a yearly event.

Last minute requests will be accepted, but can't be guaranteed. For reservations, call Bud Clark at 625-9562.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

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50 First Dates opens at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Nothing Left to Lose punk concert @ 8 p.m. @ US 75 Club in Bartlesville, Okla.

The World Famous Lipizanner Stallions @ 7:30 p.m. @ Memorial Hall.

"Valentine Speakeasy" big band concert and dance lessons @ 7 p.m. @ Landers Theatre in Springfield.

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Valentine's Day

Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

The World Famous Lipizanner Stallions @ 2 p.m. @ Memorial Hall.

Valentine's Day concert featuring Gizmo, Rwake, Deadbird, The Fine Lines, Sine Nomine, Lye By Mistake, The Itch and Strength of Conviction @ 4 p.m. @ The Cesspool.

The Revelators concert @ Jims Bar and Grill in Carthage.

5K Valentine Run @ 7 p.m. @ The Springfield Underground.

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Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

Dynamite Boy, Fall Out Boy, Matchbook Romance and Mest concert @ 7 p.m. @ The Bottleneck in Lawrence, Kan.

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BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

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Music dept. scholarship auditions @ 8-5 p.m. @ Webster Hall Auditoruim.

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General all-ages extreme sports session @ 3 p.m. @ The Bridge.

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. @ 2nd floor Billingsly.

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Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

Weird News:

All information was taken from: http://www.fark.com

Nuke plant sucks up tons of sardines:
SAN ONOFRE, CALIF. — Officials say thousands of large sardines, some up to a foot long, died this week when they were sucked into intake tunnels at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

A spokesman attributed the slaughter to the stormy weather, and that the fish were looking for food in cloudy water so they couldn't see the tunnels as well. The dead sardines will be dried and taken to a landfill.

700 rodents set loose after van overturns:
PEARISBURG, VA. — A cargo van filled with cages carrying more than 700 gerbils, rats, mice and other rodents overturned after the van hit an icy patch of highway, sending the animals scurrying and sparking a bizarre large-scale rescue.

The driver of the van proceeded to search for the rodents after checking out of the hospital. The Giles County Lifesaving Squad responded to the call for help.

"As cold as it is outside, we couldn't just leave them. I just started throwing them in the back of the ambulance," a squad member said.

PACKING:

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Dr. Vikki J. Spencer, Dr. Elaine Freeman, and Dr. Jane Scholl, professors from the teacher education department, will lead groups of students to England and Scotland.

Dr. Conrad E. Gubera, professor of sociology, and Sam Claussen, associate professor of theatre, are taking groups to the Yucatan in Mexico during intercession.

Dr. Cristóbal M. Sartori, associate professor of communications, will also lead a group to Mexico, in June.

Dr. Dorothy Bay, associate professor of biology, will take a group to Costa Rica for the fifth consecutive year, in May, for four weeks.

Stebbins said the Costa Rica trip "is one of our best study-abroad programs."

Along with meeting general biology requirements, physical activity requirements are also met on weekly hiking field trips to the Rain Forest and the Pacific Ocean during the Costa Rica program.

"Students stay with host families during their stay in Costa Rica," Stebbins said.

Groups meet regularly, throughout the semester in anticipation of the trips.

"The faculty leaders really do all the work organizing these trips, not the funding committees," Stebbins said.

Upon return to Southern, and according to their experiences, students and faculty are required to submit a full and comprehensive report within 30 days of return to the funding committee.

"Some of the trips still have openings," Stebbins said.

Study abroad trips still available are the biology trip to Costa Rica, the Yucatan, Mexico trip with Claussen and Gubera, the trip to France with Weber, the London trip for nursing students, the summer trip to Mexico with Sartori and the business school trip to Europe with Moos.

If students are interested in a trip, they may contact the faculty member in charge of a specific trip for details and an application.

The application process needs to be completed as soon as possible on most of the trips.

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and candy and the giveaways. That is how we get them down there. Once they're down there, maybe, they'll learn something or maybe they will remember to put a condom in their wallet and be prepared."

Blackford said the participation for this year's events was better than last year's because the events were held in one central location. In 2003, students had to go around to different departments to get the stamp on their Love Bingo card. This year, the students went around to the different tables to get the stamps.

The Student Support Center had three tables set up with pamphlets, which dealt with the signs of what is and is not a healthy relationship, how drinking affects a person's relationships and one talking about how students prefer to date non-smokers.

Dale Voigt-Catlin, counselor with the Student Support Center, said students were interested in the information and what they could learn.

"They came up and asked questions," Voigt-Catlin said. "They picked up information and we talked about our special norming campaign," Voigt-Catlin said. "We surveyed 420 students last spring about their drinking and found out most students only drink zero to four drinks per week, which is different from the perspective where people think students drink a lot."

On Feb. 11, "Sex and The City" wrapped up with "Perfect Pals." Kelli Friga, senior marketing major participated in the game and said she enjoyed the game, although she and her partner lost.

"The one we missed was worth more points," Friga said.

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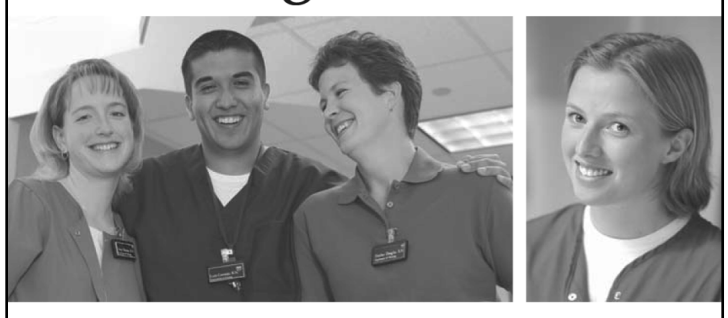
Nursing Graduates



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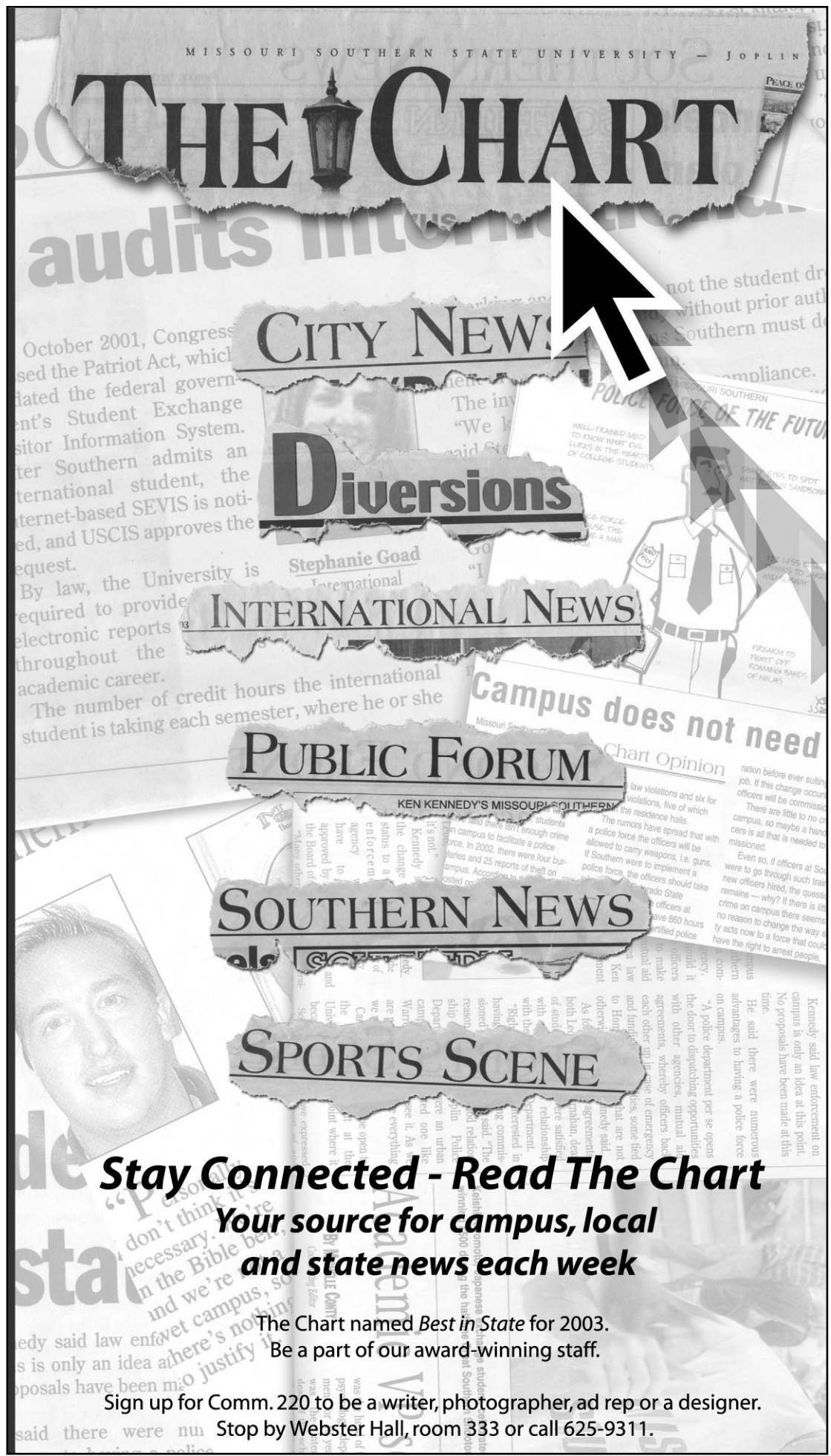

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Dental hygienists bite into bill

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

Members of the Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association met at the capitol Feb. 11 to lobby against House Bill 1358 and Senate Bill 1154 that would allow dental assistants to perform tasks beyond which is presently legal.

Dental hygienists are required to have 2,000-plus hours of classroom instruction as well as 600 hours of supervised clinical training before they can become certified. Upon becoming licensed, hygienists' jobs are to be able to recognize oral health, detect oral disease, provide therapy to improve oral health and educate individuals on ways to prevent gum disease and tooth decay.

Dental assistants are required to have 72 hours of in-office training before they can work alone with individuals who have been patients for at least 12 months.

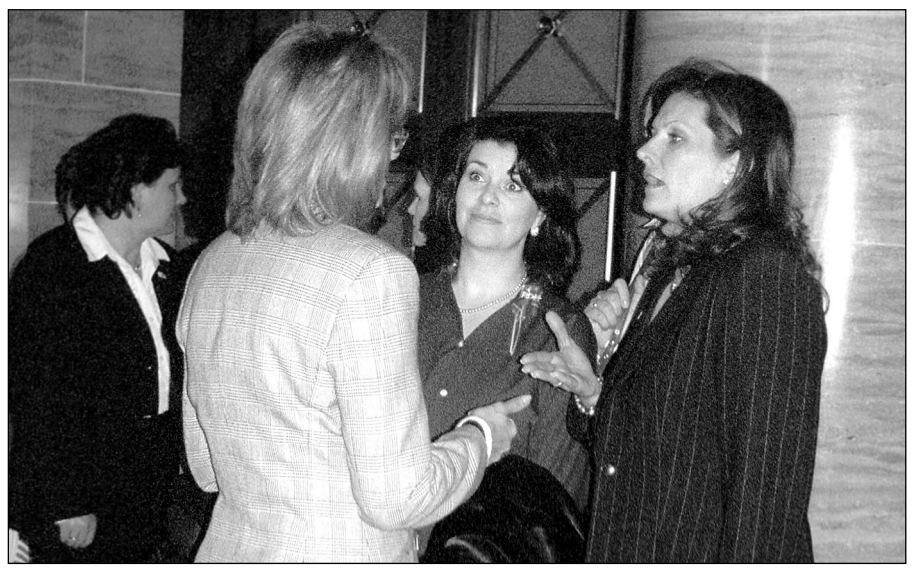
The two proposed bills would allow assistants to clean teeth and to go beyond a patient's gum line. They would also be able to assess the oral health of a patient without a doctor's supervision.

Students along with instructors from Missouri Southern were among the 275 members who were at the capitol.

"There are two things wrong with this bill," said Kim Rogers, instructor of dental hygiene at Southern. "There will be a decrease in treatment as well as a lack of access to care issues. The same person who fed you yesterday at McDonald's will be able to work on your teeth today."

"With the knowledge and education I received at Southern," said Kay Carlton, instructor of the school of dental hygiene. "I believe it is important to maintain the professional standards given in training and to provide quality care for the Missouri consumer."

One possible motivation for the passage of the two bills could be money. Dental hygienists receive a higher earning than dental assistants. It would be cheaper for a dentist to employ assistants than to employ someone with a specific degree in the dental field.



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Rep. Marilyn Ruestman meets with Southern's dental hygiene instructors.

There has been no action taken in the House to bring the bill to a vote. The Senate is still considering the bill.

"If the bill passes in the Senate, It won't be approved in the House. Right now it is dead," said Rep. Ron Richard (R -Joplin).

"Right now it looks like it might be possible for everyone to sit down and discuss the issue," said Rep. Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin). "Hopefully, it can be settled without having to go through legislation, and that would be my greatest wish."

Feelings mixed on NWMSU merger with U of M system

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

Northwest Missouri State University's Board of Regents voted 7-1 Feb. 7 to merge with the University of Missouri system.

The merger, which still needs approval from the Assembly and the governor, would add more mass to the system that currently includes the University of Missouri-Columbia, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the University of Missouri-Rolla and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The hope of the merger is to expand NWMSU's student base throughout the state, region and country. It also hopes to increase the number of undergraduates and to provide a seamless transition from an undergraduate degree to a graduate degree within the MU system.

Those opposed to the bill believe the decision is financially based.

"I do not believe a $15,000 chancellor salary increase is a coincidence," said Rep. Bryan Stevenson (R-Webb City).

"If it is what the university wants and they ask for it, then I believe it is OK," said Rep. Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin).

"I have no objections, as long as it was initiated by NWMSU and it was not based on finances," said Rep. Kevin Wilson (R-Neosho).

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Rep. Steve Hunter (R-Joplin) is an alumnus of NWMSU, and he is not voting for it.

"There are three things wrong with this," Hunter said. "There would be a tuition increase, it would cost money that doesn't exist and the alumni are not for it."

Hunter questioned whether the action had anything to do with the retirement package that would be available to educators in the MU system. Following the governor's budget proposal for the 2005 fiscal year and the decrease in funding allocated to Missouri Southern, the question has been raised if there is any potential for Southern to one day become part of the MU system.

"Not on my watch," Stevenson said.

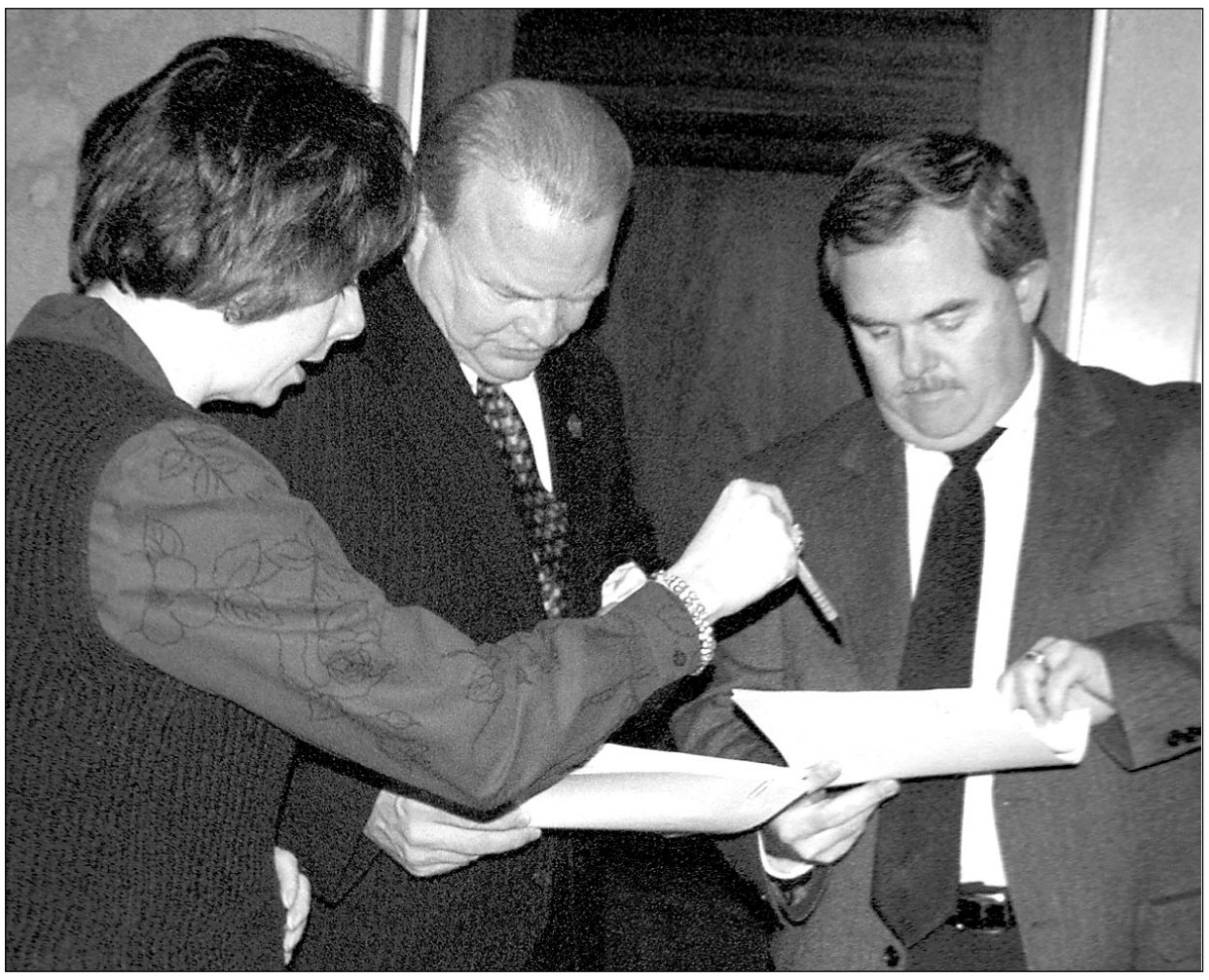
Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) thinks Southern's geographic, economic and political up make do not make it conducive to become part of the MU system.

"Missouri Southern's makeup makes it perfect for the people it serves," Nodler said. "It would lose that if it became part of MU."

Sen. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) questioned the need for a university in Joplin, pointing out the distance to SMSU. He believed it would be impractical for Southern to try and compete with MU and would make more sense for Southern to continue to operate at its current level.

"Universities should be competitive to a point, but they need to fit a certain niche, and Southern has found its niche," Jacob said.

RUSHED MEETING



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Sen. Gary Nodler checks with his staff before going into a committee meeting.

Reps kill name change bill

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The Missouri House of Representatives voted early Feb. 10 to not approve House Bill 777 which would change the name of Southwest Missouri State University to Missouri State University. The bill would have also changed the name of Central Missouri State University to The University of Central Missouri. The bill was defeated 80-71.

Proponents of the bill cited the fact SMSU currently has enrolled students from all 114 counties of Missouri, from 48 states and 80 countries through out the world. In the past 10 years, the university has doubled the graduate programs offered.

Opponents of the bill believe changing the name of any university would only be appropriate if the university's current title did not represent it correctly. In this case, it was not believed SMSU qualified to be called Missouri State University. It was also said this would create a new tier of higher education that had not existed before in Missouri, and future funding of higher education could be affected.

Other opponents of the bill believed it showed favoritism to SMSU.

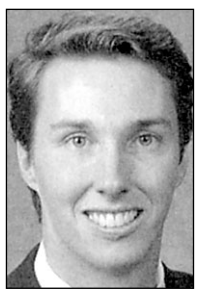
"I really hate to see Central Missouri State University left behind," said Rep. Bryan Pratt (R-Blue Springs).

Pratt was one of the main individuals who believed the SMSU name change would single out Springfield as the premier regional university.

The Senate last week voted for the name change after a filibuster that lasted 24 hours.

Sen. Ken Jacob(D -Columbia) was one of the main opponents of the name change. He said "he was the filibuster."

Jacobs said the name change would be detrimental to the creation of quality higher education in the state. The University of Missouri is ranked as a Carnegie level 1-extensive university. This is the highest level a university can achieve. However MU is currently at the bottom of the list of this level. If funds continue to be given to smaller universities not on this level, MU will not be able to move up the ranks, and Missouri will be without this kind of higher education.



Rep. Bryan Pratt
R-Blue Springs

Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) supported the Senate bill to change the name of SMSU, noting when Southern received a name change last year, all of the Assembly from Southwest Missouri supported the name change. The filibuster that occurred Feb. 3 aggravated several individuals.

Nodler, said one of the freedoms of this country is the freedom of speech.

"The filibuster is an option that exists that should continue to exist," Nodler said. "The late Sen. Richard Webster was a minority when he served in the Senate, and he was able to play a dominant role in politics for many years because of the power of the filibuster."

While the Missouri House does not have the power of the filibuster, representatives are allowed to speak on issues. House Speaker Catherine Hanaway (R-Warson Woods) allowed each individual a half hour to deliver their arguments on the issues of the name change.

Pratt, who was one of the main speakers on the bill, took time during one of his speeches to ask the rest of the House to give a round of applause to the clerks who would have to wait until the House came to a decision to complete it's work.

"These poor clerks will probably be here two hours after we have gone back to our homes, back to our hotels," Pratt said. "I think there are more important issues we could be discussing, and I don't want to spend 11 hours on a name change. There are more important bills at hand."

Rep. Brian Yates (R-Lee's Summit) also opposed to the bill.

"The debate was rushed and we were kept here to late hours," Yates said. "I'm surprised this was such an important issue to Missouri."

Yates said people had been cheated, and Missouri had been cheated.

"You are setting yourself up for a bonding issue," Yates said. "You are lying to yourself if you think it doesn't."

The representative was referring to the decision made in the Senate that would keep the SMSU name change from happening until the $180 million life science bond for MU had been passed.

Rep. Jim Viebrock (R-Republic) defended the bill.

"It's not about MU, the threat, the bonding, it is about giving credit where credit is due, and Springfield has earned this credit," Viebrock said. "Ken Jacob is not in control of this chamber."

Local representatives gave their word of support for the bill that would change the name of SMSU. They did not, however, believe it was necessary to change the name of CMSU.

"I believe that was just tacked on in the end, " said Rep. Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin).

"I promised when SMSU supported us that I would support their name change," said Rep. Ron Richard (R-Joplin). "My word is my bond and around here that is important."

Rep. Bryan Stevenson (R-Joplin) co-sponsored the bill to change the name of SMSU.

"I strongly support SMSU's name change," Stevenson said.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

UMR celebrates Black History Month

Cecil Williams (Panhandle Slim), a ragtime pianist, visual artist and taxidermist, will give a song and story filled "Black Legends of the West" 5:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the University of Missouri-Rolla's Southwestern Bell Cultural Center. This presentation is part of the events scheduled at UMR to celebrate Black History Month.

UMKC professor dean receives promotion

The University of Missouri-Kansas City elected a new associate dean to the school of medicine. Paul Cuddy, Pharm.D, M.B.A., has been a member of UMKC's school of medicine since 1980. He is currently a professor of medicine. Cuddy will be responsible for the oversight of faculty affairs for the school of medicine as well as continue his administrative authority over the curriculum council.

International Study increases at MU

The international center at the University of Missouri-Columbia has reported despite Sept. 11, the threat of terrorists and the war in Iraq, more students are enrolled in international studies. A total of 629 students participated in studies abroad during the 2002 - 2003 academic year. This was a 20 percent increase from the previous year. Last year MU sent more students abroad than any other university in Missouri.

SMSU selects court case for celebration

Southwest Missouri State University will celebrate Black History Month with a presentation of "Brown vs. Board of Education: Fifty Years of Open Doors." This was selected in honor of the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that reversed the 50 year "separate but equal" doctrine that had been the legal basis for racial segregation in public schools. SMSU will also hold lectures, panel discussions, music, and dance and comedy performances in honor of Black History Month.

Dr. Frazier presents her 'Last Lecture'

Dr. Christina Frazier, professor of biology at Southeast Missouri State University, will present her "Last Lecture" 8 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Glenn Auditorium of Dempster Hall. During her presentation, Frazier will address the audience as if it is her last chance to use her voice. In 30 minutes, she will talk about what matters most — the meaning of life. The public is invited to attend.

Saint Louis names Sproule new dean

Saint Louis University has named a new dean of college of arts and sciences. J. Michael Sproule, Ph.D., is currently the director of the school of communication studies and professor of interpersonal communications at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Sproule currently manages a school with 23 full-time and eight part-time faculty members. Sproule will start July 1.

CMSU football staff recruits 10 Mules

Ten recruits have signed letters of intent to join Central Missouri State University's football team next season. Over the past three seasons, the CMSU mules football program has posted a 29-6 record. That mark, over that span, is the best in the state of Missouri and tops in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. This success helped head coach Willie Fritz and his staff land some of the top recruits in the area.

SENATE:

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in St. Louis. The group will represent Israel in the convention.

CMENC went to a convention Jan. 22 to 24. The convention gave the students in the organization a chance to attend concerts, lectures and several networking sessions.

Zack Odem, Senate president, said the organization was allocated funds as a reimbursement of its expenses. The reimbursement is not unusual, as all organizations, which receive funds, are technically for reimbursements after a trip is taken. CMENC came to Senate after the trip instead of before as most organizations do.

Senate allocated CMENC $741.60.

The rules were unsuspended after the organizations received funds.

"We (the advisers) hope you're (the senators) looking over the requests and using your judgment," said Adam Griffin, co-adviser to Senate.

Griffin discussed the reasoning senators should have for voting on allocations during the meeting.

He said the senators should strive to read every request and do their best to research the topics at hand.

Greg Salzer, junior sociology major, brought up several issues during the meeting. He posed questions to the Senate concerning his problems with the rule suspension and the allocation of too many funds. However, he, Odem, and the other senators discussed the procedures and the issues of the Senate budget.

"A democracy isn't a democracy if your representatives are afraid to speak out," Salzer said.

The budget is currently at an estimated $3,975.14, as funds have not been finalized.

Lyndse Bergen, junior special education major, left, and Chelsea Garrison, freshman biology major, play the "Perfect Pals" game show in the Billingsly Student Center.

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Southern loses at final buzzer

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

On Feb. 4 the Missouri Southern men's basketball team squared off against the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners in Rolla.

The Lions were looking to get back into the win column after falling to the Truman State University Bulldogs on Jan. 31 at home.

The first time the two teams had met the Lions pulled an 85-77 victory in overtime at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The Lions downed the Miners 93-62 on the strength of 26 points from senior guard Ameer Watts.

On Feb. 7 the Lions were again at home, this time for a tilt with the Washburn University Ichabods. The Lions opened up with a five-point lead in the early moments of the game and went into the locker room at half time with a five-point lead.

In the second half, however, Southern was outscored 36-29, and, with one second left on the clock and the scored tied at 60 points apiece. Carl Jenkins, WU junior guard rebounded a missed shot and put the ball back in for two points, and a 62-60 win for the Ichabods.

"I thought that we competed pretty hard with them on the boards," said Robert Corn, head coach.

"They out rebounded us by nine, but I thought that for the most part we did a pretty good job. I thought that defensively we did a nice job."

"We played hard and executed well," said Darrell Redmond, senior forward.

"It's hard to blame it on one play," said Caleb Engelken, junior forward. "And it hurts to lose this way."

Lions 60

Ichabods 62

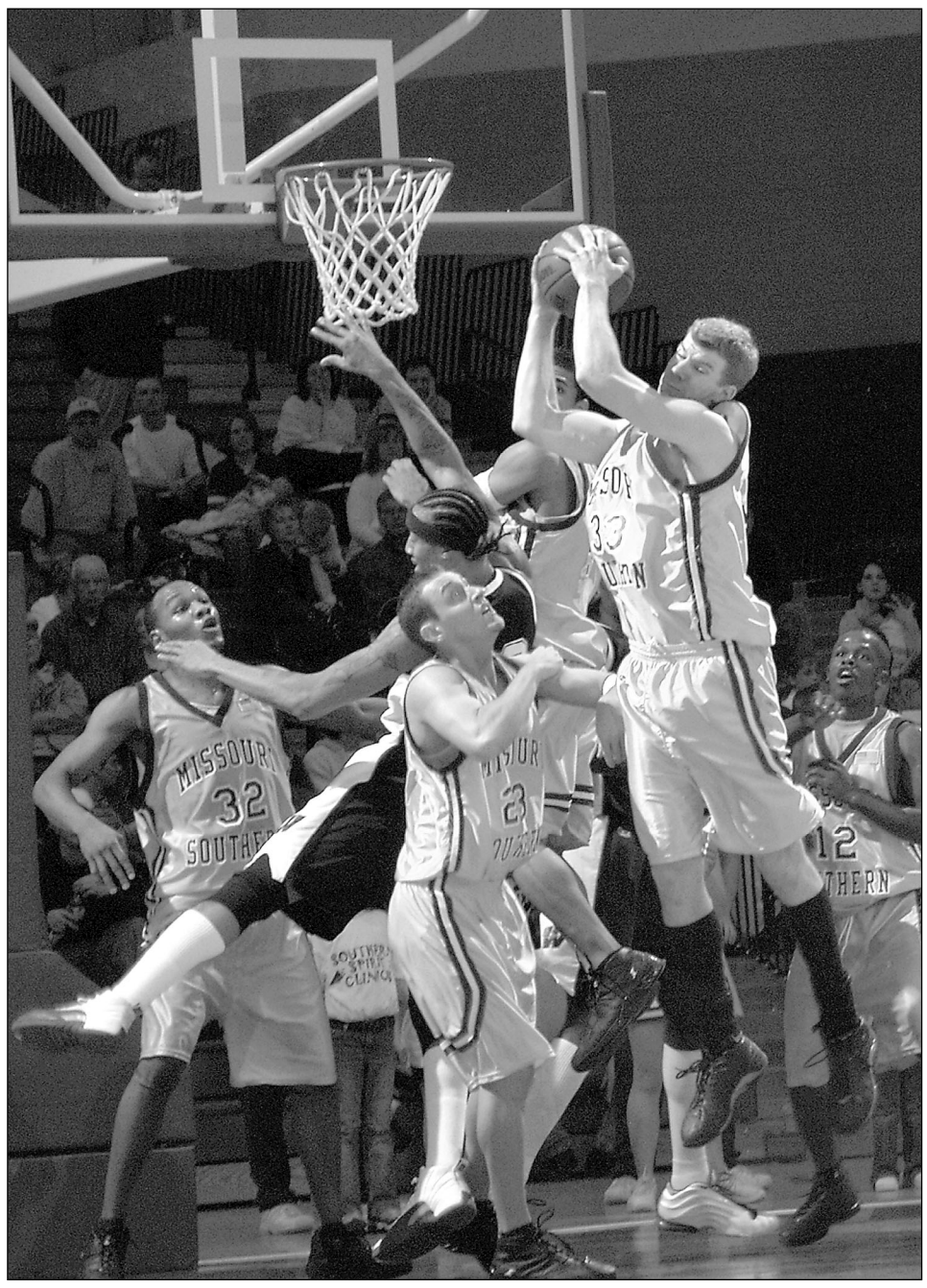
The loss to the Miners dropped the Lions to a 6-6 record in the MIAA and a 13-8 record overall.

Southern faced Emporia State University Feb. 11.

The Lions defeated the Hornets 61-65 in overtime. The Lions move up to 7-6 in the MIAA and 14-8 overall. The Hornets fall to a 9-4 record in conference.

After ESU they will face the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats on Saturday.

The Bearcats are four games behind Southern in the conference, but the rest of the Lions' opponents are not. Southern's season will end with games against Pittsburg State University, Central Missouri State University and Northwest Missouri State University, all of whom are ahead of the Lions in conference standings.



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Caleb Engelken, junior forward, rebounds the ball during the game against Washburn University Feb. 7. The Lions lost, 62-60.

LION STATS

Women's Basketball

Feb. 11 Results

ESU (45)			
Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
McNeal	0-1	0-0	0
Henningsen	1-1	0-0	2
Patry	2-18	0-0	4
McAlexander	3-13	0-0	7
Tennal	4-13	5-5	15
Bessy	4-8	3-3	11
Dorsey	1-5	2-2	4
Vargas-Sanchez	1-5	0-0	2
MSSU (52)			
Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Wilson	6-15	2-4	14
Adkison	1-3	2-2	4
Koenig	3-6	1-2	7
Greninger	1-5	0-2	2
Hallman	2-11	6-6	10
Gossard	1-1	0-0	2
Coston	0-0	0-0	0
Deen	2-9	1-2	6
Harrell	3-3	0-1	6
Christiansen	0-1	1-3	1

ESU	23	22	— 45
MSSU	31	21	— 52

Men's Basketball

Feb. 11 Results

ESU (61)/MSSU (65) OT

Men's indoor track sprints toward MIAA meet

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

The men's indoor track and field team has made it through three meets so far this season and has just two left before the MIAA conference championship meet. The championship meet will be held at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center this year.

The Lions have several players that qualify for provisionals this year, giving them the opportunity to make the national meet at the end of the indoor season.

Matt Campbell, sophomore pole vaulter, is currently ranked third in the nation among Division II competitors, while Chris Turner, senior, is ranked 10th nationally. Michael Stewart, junior triple jumper, has also qualified for provisionals and is ranked seventh in the nation. Arley Smith, junior weight thrower, is also ranked nationally and sits at number seven.

Southern has three meets left to participate in before the conference championships on Feb 27-28.

On Friday and Saturday, the team will compete in the Baymont Inn/Fazoli's Open at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. Also during the weekend, the team will have representatives in Fayetteville to compete in the Tyson Invitational.

On Feb. 21 the team will finish the regular season in Norman, Okla., at the University of Oklahoma Invitational. From there, it will compete in the MIAA Indoor Championships on Feb. 27-28, with the NCAA Division II Championships scheduled for March 12-13 in Boston, Mass.

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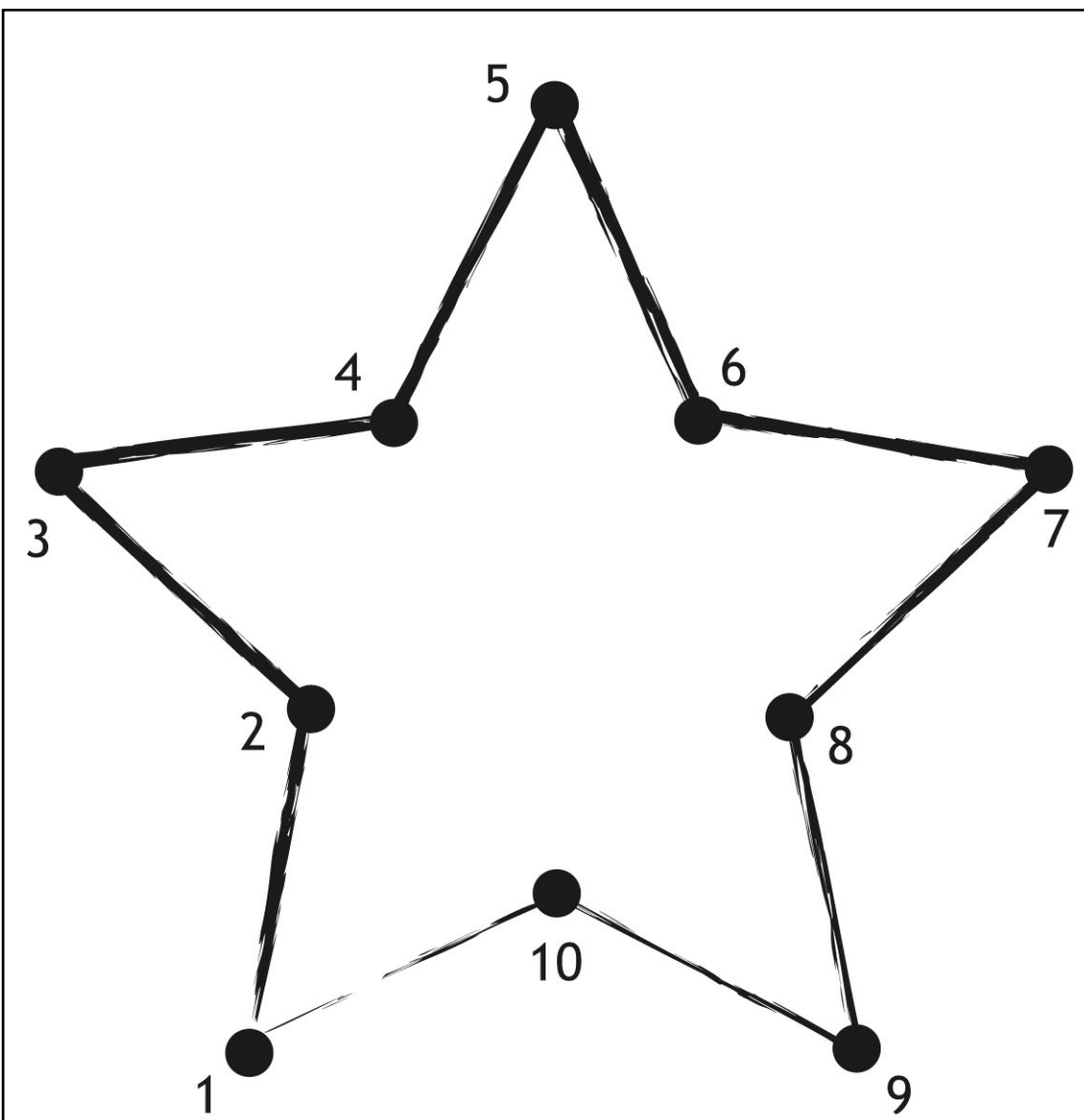

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A Helping Hand

Christiansen wants to be a role model for all children in all situations

BY RUSS HAGERMAN
Sports Editor

Years of hard work and aspirations could pay off big for one Missouri Southern basketball player.

Paige Christiansen has been working toward that goal since she was a little girl.

Christiansen, senior forward for the Lions and three-year letter winner, was born in Columbus, Kan., to Cynthia Christiansen. She started to play sports when she was 4 or 5 years old. Softball and basketball were her sports of choice.

At age 8, she moved to Pittsburg, along with her mother and two sisters, Holly and Monica. Monica joined her sister at Southern, now a sophomore. Christiansen has one niece and two nephews living in Pittsburg.

Before college, Christiansen kept herself busy in high school. She was on the basketball team, softball team for one year, the volleyball team for two years and the dance team for one year.

Before graduating from Pittsburg High School, she concentrated on basketball, which led her to Southern. To Christiansen, Southern was the only choice.

"Basketball has given me a lot of opportunities I would otherwise never had."

Paige Christiansen
Senior, Forward

"I got a full ride scholarship," Christiansen said. "It is close enough to home, yet just far enough away."

Sports figures are prominent in children's eyes, and Christiansen looks to herself for the children.

"I want to be a role model for the children, whether they come from a negative background or not," she said.

Christiansen has her dreams as well. She wanted to be a back-up singer for a pop star, or a video jockey for MTV when she was younger. Basketball proved to be her answer though, while her favorite athlete is Michael Jordan.

"My whole room was decorated in him," Christiansen said. "He's awesome, good looking and he's Michael Jordan."

Christiansen said she has great memories with sports and basketball in particular. One of the best moments was during coach Maryann Mitts first year at Southern. The Lions traveled to Pittsburg State University and beat the Lady Gorillas in a close game.

"It meant a lot to me since I was back home, and we won," she said.

Traveling to Hawaii was another great memory for Christiansen.

"Basketball has given me a lot of opportunities I would otherwise never had," she said.

The dreams are not over for Christiansen. She is looking to attend law school and eventually become a children's court judge or lawyer.

"I want to be successful and make decent money," she said. "Happiness is the key."

Christiansen is a criminal justice major with psychology and Spanish minors. She will graduate in July.

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Paige Christiansen, senior forward, Lions basketball team is a criminal justice major with psychology and Spanish minors.

Women's basketball knocks off Emporia

Adam Fast/The Chart

Vonny Wilson, junior gaurd, moves the ball up court against the Lady Hornets of Emporia State University. The Lions defeated the Lady Hornets, 52-45.

BY RUSS HAGERMAN AND JEREMIAH COOK
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Lions are immune to Hornets' stings. On Feb. 11, the Lions basketball team hosted the Emporia State University Lady Hornets at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The Lions, 15-7 overall and 6-7 in the MIAA, coming off a win against Washburn on Feb. 7, started the game at a quick pace with a 10-0 run with 14:57 left in the first half. The Lions led by eight at the half, 31-23, and won 52-45.

The 1,200 fans in attendance watched the Lions outscore their opponents 11-3 after the Lady Hornets led 32-31 on a 9-0 run. The Lions were 35.2 percent in field goals with 19-54, 6.7 percent in 3-point field goals with 1-15, and 59.1 percent free throws with 13-22.

Vonny Wilson, junior forward, was 6-15 field goals, 0-0 3 points. and had 14 rebounds. Amy Adkison, junior forward, was 1-3, 0-1 and had five rebounds. Carol Koenig, sophomore guard, was 3-6, 0-1 and had two rebounds. Nicole Greninger, sophomore guard, was 1-5, 0-3 and had two rebounds. Aubrie Hallman, junior guard, was 2-11, 0-3 and had nine rebounds.

"We came together as a team and played really well," Adkison said. "We executed well."

With five games left before the Sonic MIAA Championships in Kansas City, Mo. On March 4-7, the Lions have a lot to shoot for.

"I think these last two games (Washburn and Emporia State) has given us a lot of confidence," said Maryann Mitts, head coach.

"We are playing good basketball right now."

The Lions are 12-3 at home this year with two more home games left at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

"We need to focus on the games coming up," Adkison said.

"It solidifies us right now," Mitts said. "It shows we can compete with the top teams in the nation."

Since joining the Missouri Southern women's basketball team in 2001, Mitts is 4-0 in overtime games, including the Lions' last two outings.

On Feb. 4, the Lions knocked off the University of Missouri-Rolla Lady Miners in double overtime 81-70.

At the end of regulation, the score was tied 66-66. In the first overtime period, both team scored three points, and another extra session was required to determine the winner. In the second overtime, the Lions held the Lady Miners to two points, while putting up 11 of their own.

On Feb. 7, the Lions were at home to face the ninth ranked team in the nation, Washburn University Lady Blues.

The Lions trailed by seven at half time and by 10 early in the second half. The Lions would respond by outscoring the Lady Blues 35-28 in the second half of regulation, forcing Washburn into overtime. The Lions never trailed in overtime and outscored the Lady Blues 6-3 in the extra period.

"It feels great," said Aubrie Hallman, junior guard. "This was a win that we really needed."

"I think that it is definitely a positive and that it will help us," Mitts said. "Every girl in that locker room has had their confidence questioned this season. This negates all questions."

"We have a rule," said Nicole Greninger, sophomore guard. "We don't lose on our home court. So it was a big deal. Plus, it was Washburn, and they are ranked number nine in the nation."

Hallman scored five of Southern's final six points in the game.

"Aubrie is a huge part of this team just in the fact that she is a gamer," Mitts said. "What I really mean by that is, she is going to come up with the big steal or the big shot. She is not afraid to be in those situations and come through for us."

"I want the ball in my hands when it comes down to that," Hallman said. "I want to be the to come up with the big plays."

On Feb. 10, Hallman was named the Wilson/MIAA women's basketball player of the week for the second consecutive week.

In the games against Rolla and Washburn, she averaged more than 20 points, six rebounds, five assists and five steals.

"One of the things that makes her (Hallman) such a big part of the team is she gets everybody involved in the offense so well for us," Mitts said.

Remaining Basketball Schedule

1:30, Feb. 14 @ Southwest Baptist University

5:30, Feb. 18 vs Central Missouri State University

1:00. Feb. 21 vs Northwest Missouri State University

5:30, Feb. 25 @ Pittsburg State University

Cafe Del Rio Bordertown Battle

5:30, Feb. 28 @ Missouri Western University

Mar. 4-7 Sonic/MIAA Championship (Kansas City, Mo.)

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